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SUBJ: REVISED QUARTERLY MEAT CABLE

PASS FAS, USDA FOR HARTMAN

REF: A. FASTO 141, B. MEXICO 9515

1. GOOD RAINS IN MOST GRAZING AREAS HAS SUPPORTED RETENTION OF CATTLE ON FARMS WHICH HAS PROLONGED INCREASE IN DELIVERY RATE UNTIL EARLY 1975. COLD WEATHER IS, HOWEVER, RESULTING IN DETERIORATION OF GRAZING AREAS, AND SINCE FIRST QUARTER OF 1975 NORMALLY DRY PERIOD, INCREASED DELIVERIES ANTICIPATED DURING EARLY 1975. ALSO, MANY CALVES HAVE REACHED WEANING WEIGHTS. BUILD-UP OF CATTLE NUMBERS DUE TO ABOVE AND REDUCED LIVE ANIMAL SHIPMENTS.

2. CONSUMER PURCHASING POWER NOT EXPECTED TO INCREASE DUE TO CONTINUED INFLATION; HOWEVER, INCREASED 1975 DELIVERIES SHOULD REDUCE BEEF PRICES AND PROVIDE FOR SOME GROWTH IN DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. ASSUMING THAT CATTLEMEN WILL BE FORCED TO ACCEPT REDUCED PRICES FOR CATTLE, MEXICAN BEEF SHOULD AGAIN BE COMPETITIVE IN U.S. MARKET. TRADE ANTICIPATES LEVEL OF EXPORTS TO APPROACH 1973 LEVEL OR ABOUT 50,500 METRIC TONS OF BONELESS BEEF.

3. NUMBERS (1000 HEAD)

1975

A. ON FARM (JNA 1): 28,800

B. SLAUGHTER: 4,024

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4. SUPPLY AND DEMAND (1000 MT, CWE)

A. SUPPLY

1. PRODUCTION: 684

2. IMPORTS: NEG

TOTAL: 684

B. DISAPPEARANCE

1. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION: 648

2. EXPORTS:

A. BONE IN: NEG

B. BONELESS IN CWE: 36

5. EXPORTS 1975 (ESTIMATED IN 1000 LBS OF PRODUCT WEIGHT)

A. BY QUARTERS TO U.S. - 15,000; 10,000; 10,000; 15,000.

B. ANNUAL BASIS ALL DESTINATIONS: 50,500.

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